



Getting Involved With MTC

MTC extends an open and continuing invitation to the Bay Area public to assist the agency in developing transportation solutions for the region. A comprehensive Public Participation Plan details the many avenues available to groups and individuals who would like to “plug into the process” and get involved in MTC’s work. The plan can be found on MTC’s Web site at www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved/participation_plan.htm.

Residents of the nine Bay Area counties are encouraged to apply for vacant seats on MTC advisory committees (see pages 14-15.) In most cases, no specific education or professional experience is required, just a strong interest in transportation. Commissioners review all applications, may conduct interviews with potential members, and make final appointments to advisory committees for two-year terms. MTC Public Information staff are available to answer questions and provide information about participating in MTC citizen advisory committees. Phone the Public Information office at **510.817.5757**.

Meeting Schedules, Agendas and More

MTC encourages interested residents to attend MTC Commission and standing committee meetings to express their views. (See page 13 for information on MTC’s committee structure.) An up-to-date schedule of MTC meetings is available on the agency Web site, at www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/schedule/index.htm. Agendas and packets of materials for meetings of the Commission and its committees and advisory panels are also posted.

Attend a meeting, join a committee, get involved!

Database Keeps Interested Residents in the Loop

MTC maintains a master database of interested residents, public agency staff and stakeholders. The database, which includes mailing information, e-mail addresses and other contact information, is organized around issues or events. This allows MTC to send targeted mailings to keep the public updated on the specific issues they are interested in. Members of the public may request to be added to MTC’s contact database by calling the Public Information office at **510.817.5757** or e-mailing info@mtc.ca.gov.



Web Site

MTC's news-oriented Web site, www.mtc.ca.gov, offers a wealth of information, illustrated with colorful graphics. The site:

- explains the agency's programs and activities in full detail
- provides links to 511, FasTrak®, TransLink®, and to all Bay Area transit operators, as well as to other regional, state and federal government agencies
- posts daily transportation headlines with direct links to news articles about Bay Area transportation and more

Also, MTC Commission meetings and many of its committee meetings are audiocast live on the Web site, and audiocasts of past meetings are archived on the site.



Publications

To keep the public informed of MTC's activities as well as about general transportation news for the Bay Area, MTC publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *Transactions*, and a comprehensive annual report (containing audited financial statements for both MTC and BATA). *Transactions* is sent free of charge to interested persons, the news media, public officials, legislators, transit staff, national transportation groups, environmental groups, business groups and libraries. Each issue is posted on MTC's Web site. To add your name to the *Transactions* mailing list, fill in the tear-out card at the back of this publication.

With Caltrans, MTC also publishes an annual *Bay Area Transportation: State of the System* report, which summarizes the performance of the Bay Area transportation system. Key facts and performance indicators are presented for freeways, local roadways, transit, goods movement, and bicycle and pedestrian travel in the region. As well, MTC regularly issues news releases on its programs and actions and arranges for its staff and commissioners to make presentations in the community.



Library Services: Information for the Asking

The MTC-ABAG (ABAG stands for the Association of Bay Area Governments, which is located in the same building as MTC) Library is a fully accredited facility stacked with books and periodicals with a special focus on transportation and planning. MTC reports, brochures and studies are available to the public through the library, as are other publications to help you get the latest word on transportation planning, demographics, economic indicators and regional issues. The MTC-ABAG Library offers free public access to the Internet. Upon request, MTC publications can be transferred to a format that is accessible to persons with disabilities.

MTC-ABAG Library

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101 Eighth Street (at Oak Street)
First Floor
Oakland, CA 94607
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Phone: 510.817.5836
Fax: 510.817.5932
E-mail: library@mtc.ca.gov

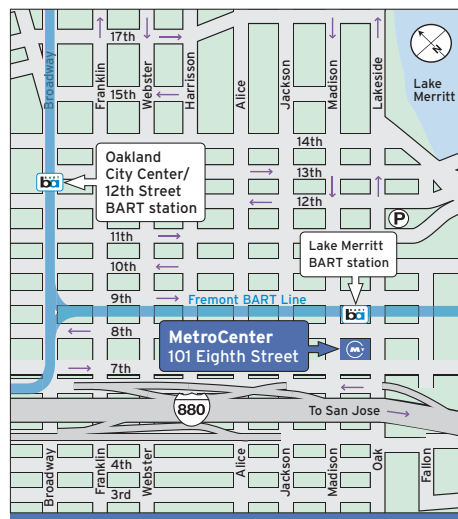
Visit the MTC-ABAG Library for the latest on transportation planning and related topics.

Visit MTC

MTC's offices – site of Commission and committee meetings, as well as the MTC-ABAG Library – are at:

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 Eighth Street (at Oak Street)
Oakland, CA 94607
(Receptionist is on the third floor)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Phone: 510.817.5700
Fax: 510.817.5848
E-mail: info@mtc.ca.gov
Web: www.mtc.ca.gov

The building is adjacent to the Lake Merritt BART station, and several AC Transit lines stop within a few blocks. The MetroCenter also is easily accessible via Interstate 880 or Interstate 980. Both street and garage parking are available nearby. ■



MAKING THE LOCAL CONNECTION

The first step toward participating in MTC may begin close to home – with your county congestion management agency, your local transit operator or your city council. Here are contacts for the nine county congestion management agencies:

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: 510.836.2560
Fax: 510.836.2185
Web: www.accma.ca.gov

Contra Costa Transportation Authority

3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Phone: 925.407.0121
Fax: 925.407.0128
Web: www.ccta.net

Transportation Authority of Marin

3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 304
San Rafael, CA 94903
Phone: 415.507.2680
Fax: 415.507.2648
Web: www.tam.ca.gov

Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency

707 Randolph Street, Suite 100
Napa, CA 94559
Phone: 707.259.8631
Fax: 707.259.8638
Web: www.nctpa.net

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

100 Van Ness Avenue, 26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Phone: 415.522.4800
Fax: 415.522.4829
Web: www.sfcta.org

San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG)

County Office Building
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
Phone: 650.599.1406
Fax: 650.361.8227
Web: www.ccag.ca.gov

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

3331 N. First Street, Building B
San Jose, CA, 95134
Phone: 408.321.2300
Fax: 408.321.7535
Web: www.vta.org

Solano Transportation Authority

One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585
Phone: 707.424.6075
Fax: 707.424.6074
Web: www.solanolinks.com

Sonoma County Transportation Authority

490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Phone: 707.565.5373
Fax: 707.565.5370
Web: www.sctainfo.org